

**Docket No.: 4590-253**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Eric LE BARS et al. : Confirmation No. 8845  
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/733,813 : Group Art Unit: 2621  
Filed: December 12, 2003 : Examiner: Findley Christopher G.  
For: METHOD FOR THE SPLICING OF DIGITAL SIGNALS BEFORE  
TRANSMISSION, SPLICER AND RESULTING SIGNAL

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2007, a reply being due November 23, 2007, Applicant submits a request and fee for a three-month extension of time, extending the reply from November 23, 2007 to February 25, 2008 (February 23, 2008 being a Saturday) please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.